

Deer Resistant Plants

Please note that **NO** plant is truly **DEER PROOF**. The following list contains items that have shown better tolerance against deer than other plants. It is important to remember that if there are no other choices deer will eat from what is available.

Pay attention to your trees!!!! Deer will rub against the trunks when shedding their antlers and strip off the bark. There are a number of repellents and exclusion methods depending on your preference.



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Trees

Achillea
Agastache
Alchemilla
Amsonia
Aquilegia
Artemisia
Astilbe
Aubrieta
Baptisia
Brunnera
Coreopsis
Dianthus
Dracocephalum
Echinacea
Epimedium
Eupatorium
Galium
Geranium
Helleborus
Heuchera
Iris
Lavandula
Nepeta
Paeonia
Penstemon
Perovskia
Polemonium
Salvia
Sedum
Thymus
Verbascum
Verbena
Veronica
Yucca

Abelia
Arctostaphylos
Berberis thunbergii
Buddleia
Buxus
Calluna
Caryopteris
Clethra
Cotinus
Cotoneaster
Daphne
Deutzia
Diervilla
Erica
Euonymus
Forsythia
Gaultheria
Hypericum
Juniper
Leucothoe
Ligustrum
Mahonia
Microbiota
Myrica
Nandina
Potentilla
Rhamnus
Rhus
Sambucus
Spiraea
Syringa
Viburnum
Weigela

Abies
Chamaecyparis
Cupressus
Picea
Rhus
Thuja plicata

Perennials

Plant	Size	Bloom Time	Notes to Know
<u>Achillea</u>	24-36"	Late spring to summer	Achillea can range in colors of gold, white, pink and red, and has attractive fern like foliage. A tough, drought tolerant plant.
<u>Agastache</u>	36"	Summer	Agastache can come in a variety of colors from purples & blues to pinks & oranges. It attracts butterflies & hummingbirds, and has a long bloom season.
<u>Alchemilla</u>	12-18"	Late spring to summer	A great shade plant, Alchemilla blooms yellow and has very soft, fuzzy foliage.
<u>Amsonia</u>	12-36"	Spring	Amsonia blooms star shaped, pale blue flowers in the spring and has attractive yellow foliage in the fall.
<u>Aquilegia</u>	12-24"	Spring	A tough plant that can take shade, and blooms in a variety of colors from reds to yellows to oranges.
<u>Artemisia</u>	12-15"	Late summer to fall	Artemisia is grown mostly for its soft, feathery, silvery foliage. It does bloom yellow flowers in the late summer but they are fairly unnoticeable.
<u>Astilbe</u>	15-24"	Summer	Astilbe can bloom in whites, pinks, & reds, with a variety of leaf structures.
<u>Aubrieta</u>	3" x 15"	Spring	Bloom color ranges from whites, reds, pink & blues. Forms a nice, tight low groundcover
<u>Baptisia</u>	3-4'	Late spring to summer	A shrub-like perennial that can bloom blue, white, yellow and purple, and is drought tolerant. Can also tolerate poor soils.
<u>Dianthus</u>	12-15"	Spring	A low spreading perennial with green to blue foliage and a variety of bloom colors
<u>Dracocephalum</u>	12" x 12"	Summer	A low growing tidy perennial with blue or white flowers. Great as a showy item in rock beds.
<u>Echinacea</u>	18-24"	Summer	A sun loving perennial that blooms in reds, yellows, purples & pinks, and is drought tolerant.
<u>Epimedium</u>	10-12"	Spring	Blooms white, yellow, or purple flowers in early spring. A groundcovering perennial with oval to heart shaped leaves & is drought tolerant.

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<u>Geranium</u>	2-3'	Summer	A perennial that weaves through other plants, flowers bloom in shades of white, pink, red & purple. Will repeat bloom through the season.
<u>Lavandula</u>	12-24"	Summer	A fragrant perennial with purple flower spikes.
<u>Nepeta</u>	15-18"	Summer	A small shrub-like perennial with gray-green foliage and purple flowers. When the leaves are crushed it has a nice fragrance.
<u>Penstemon</u>	10-15"	Late spring to summer	A flower spiked perennial blooming in shades of white, pink, purple and blue.
<u>Perovskia</u>	3-4'	Late summer to fall	A large, clump forming perennial with lavender blue flower spikes & fragrant gray-green foliage.
<u>Salvia</u>	15-24"	Late spring to summer	Blooms in white, pink or purple, and can take the heat.
<u>Sedum</u>	6-30"	Late summer to fall	A succulent perennial that can be a groundcover or form in clumps. It blooms in shades of whites, reds, and pinks.
<u>Verbascum</u>	18-36"	Summer	Flowers bloom in creams, pinks and purples on tall spikes, and likes well drained, sandy/rocky soil.
<u>Verbena</u>	8" x 10-12"	Summer	A spreading perennial with finely dissected leaves & blooms in pinks, purples and reds.
<u>Veronica</u>	10-12"	Late spring to summer	Blooms in whites, purples & blues, and some can have golden foliage.
<u>Yucca</u>	15-24"	Summer	A clump forming perennial that can be variegated, green or blue & has a tall spike of flowers that bloom white.

Shrubs

Plant	Size	Bloom Time
<u>Abelia</u>	1-6'	late spring to summer
<u>Arctostaphylos</u>	10-12"	Spring
<u>Berberis thunbergii</u>	3-6'	Spring
<u>Buddleia</u>	5-8'	Summer
<u>Buxus</u>	3-8'	N/a
<u>Clethra</u>	2-6'	Summer
<u>Cotinus</u>	8-10'	Summer to fall
<u>Cotoneaster</u>	1-5'	late spring to summer
<u>Daphne</u>	3-4'	late spring to summer

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<u>Deutzia</u>	2-4'	late spring to summer
<u>Diervilla</u>	3-5'	Summer
<u>Erica</u>	10-12"	Early Spring
<u>Euonymus</u>	3-8'	N/a
<u>Forsythia</u>	2-7'	Early Spring
<u>Hypericum</u>	3-4'	Summer
<u>Juniper</u>	6"-25'+	N/a
<u>Leucothoe</u>	2-6'	Spring
<u>Ligustrum</u>	10-15'	Summer
<u>Mahonia</u>	3-6'	Early Spring
<u>Microbiota</u>	12" x 8-10'	N/a
<u>Myrica</u>	5-6'	Early Spring

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<u>Nandina</u>	2-8'	Summer
<u>Potentilla</u>	1-4'	Summer to fall
<u>Rhamnus</u>	10-15'	late spring to summer
<u>Rhus</u>	3'-10'	Spring to Summer
<u>Sambucus</u>	4-6'	Summer
<u>Spiraea</u>	2-8'	late spring to summer
<u>Syringa</u>	6-10'	Spring
<u>Viburnum</u>	4-15'	Spring
<u>Weigela</u>	2-10'	late spring to summer

Notes to Know

Can be semi-evergreen in a mild winter, & blooms white, pink or purple. Great for a naturalistic look.

A spreading evergreen groundcover with white bell shaped flowers in the spring & red fruit in the late summer/early fall that can persist into the winter.

Grown mostly for its red or gold foliage, it blooms small yellow flowers & it will get red fruits in the fall that attract birds.

A very fast growing deciduous shrub that has large flower panicles in whites, reds, pinks & purples. Will re-bloom if you dead head the plant.

An evergreen shrub with no noticeable flowering habit. Plant shape & winter color can range from olive to dark green depending on the plant.

A deciduous shrub that blooms white or pink, and has a yellow fall color that can be showy.

Available in purples, green and golds it blooms pink wispy flowers that give it a smoky look above the foliage. Keeping it pruned back will keep the color strong in the foliage but you sacrifice the flowers to do so.

A wiry spreading shrub with white flowers in the spring & is semi-evergreen to evergreen.

A semi-evergreen fragrant shrub with pale pink to white flowers in the spring and red fruits in the fall.

Notes to Know

A deciduous shrub that has white flowers and a nice red fall color.

A deciduous shrub with yellow flower clusters & attractive striped bark

An evergreen shrub with needle-like leaves and pink or white bell shaped flowers.

Can be evergreen or deciduous. Evergreen cultivars are green or variegated, and the deciduous one has a bright red fall color.

One of the first to bloom in the year with bright yellow flowers. It is deciduous with dwarf forms for borders and larger ones for a bigger display.

A deciduous shrub that blooms yellow flowers and has persistent fruit through into the winter.

An evergreen plant that can be green, blue or gold & ranges in forms from groundcovers to upright trees. Produces a barely noticeable fruit.

An evergreen shrub that has white fragrant flowers and can have green or variegated leaves.

A semi-evergreen to evergreen plant with large fragrant white flowers, and shiny black fruits in the fall.

A broadleaf evergreen with yellow flowers, clusters of blue-black fruits late summer, and a purple-bronze leaf in the winter.

A low growing spreading conifer with bright green feathery foliage that turns a bronze-purple color in the winter.

A deciduous shrub with yellow flowers and waxy green fruits.

Notes to Know

An evergreen shrub with white flowers, red fruits in the fall, and a red-purple fall color.

A deciduous shrub that ranges in colors of yellow, white, & pink.

A deciduous shrub with small white-green flowers & persistent fruits that start out red and turn to black.

Deciduous shrubs good for soil stabilization that bloom yellow and have a vibrant red fall color.

The "Black Lace" form sold is a deciduous shrub with large flowers that bloom pink to white, and finely dissected dark purple/almost black leaves.

A deciduous shrub that blooms in whites and pinks, & has green or gold foliage.

A deciduous shrub that has fragrant blooms in whites, pinks, & purples.

A deciduous or semi-evergreen shrub with whiteish flowers & red fruits that turn black to go with its red fall color.

A deciduous shrub with purple, green or variegated foliage & blooms in reds, whites and pinks.

Trees

Plant	Size	Fruiting	Notes to Know
<u>Abies</u>	30-80'	Oval cones	An evergreen conifer that can be green, blue or white.
<u>Chamaecyparis</u>	25-70'	Spherical cones	An evergreen tree with green or gold foliage.
<u>Cupressus</u>	45-80'	Seed cones	An evergreen conifer with green or blue needles.
<u>Picea</u>	30-80'	Oval cones	An evergreen conifer that can be green, blue or white.
<u>Thuja plicata</u>	50-70'	small oval cones	An evergreen tree with green or gold foliage.

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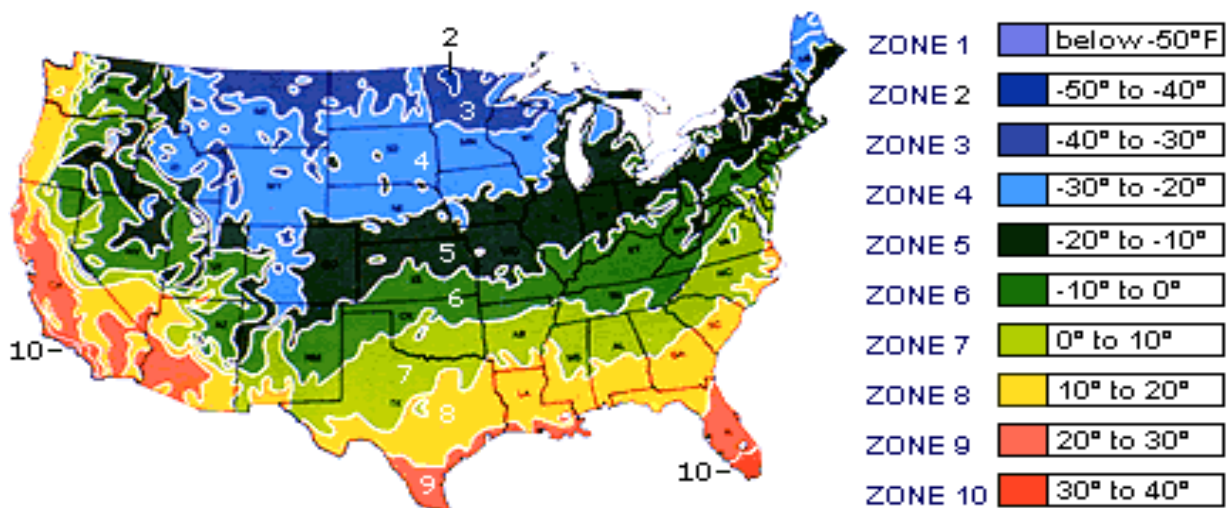
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